



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2015 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Attendees: Sarah Everhart Skeels (Chair.); Vincent Rossi; Melanie Sbardella; Arthur Plitt; Keri Rossi-D'entremont

Absentees: Vicki Ferarra

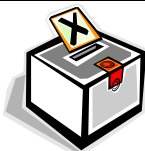
Staff: Christine Rancourt Bruzzi, Assistant ADA Coordinator

Guest: N/A



10:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Sarah Everhart Skeels, Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at 10:20



MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting with the following revision: change the next meeting date from April 3, 2015 to March 16, 2015 as agreed to during the Feb. 5, 2015 meeting moved by VR, seconded by AP, passed unanimously.

Action Items:


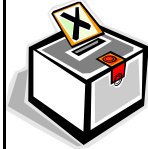

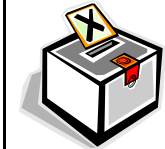

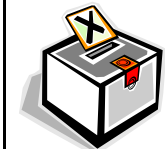
10:25 Keri Rossi-D'entremont

Purpose/Goal: Discuss the College and University meeting

Discussion: The semi-annual Improving the Bottom Line meeting for disability services and career services personnel at RI Colleges and Universities will be held on April 7th from 9-11 in RIC's Student Union Ballroom. KRD will MC the event. The first speaker will be Jillian Jagling, an attorney from Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC, and she will present the legal requirements, trends, and recent court cases concerning accessibility for all materials used by students. The second speaker, Scott Lissner, the ADA Coordinator at Ohio State University and President of the Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) will use SKYPE to present Ohio State's policy and approach to making to all materials accessible.



The invited guest list has been expanded to also include IT, on-line learning, library, faculty, administration personnel from all of the colleges and universities in the state as well as several certificate training programs in addition to the Department of Higher Ed, DLT, NEADA, Voc Rehab, and the Governor (or her designate). The "save the date" postcards were sent out to most of this extended group in late February. The invitations will be sent out to everyone this week. Bob Cooper is meeting with a member of the Governor's staff and will invite the Governor to the meeting. A CART reporter will be at the meeting and RIC's Disability Services will pay for this service. If an interpreter is needed, the GCD will arrange for one through the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. KRD will arrange for RIC's Gold Key club to handle the sign in process and will provide weekly reminders via E-mail blasts about the event. CRB will investigate if coffee can be provided and paid for by the GCD. The Committee will

	be at RIC no later than 8:30 on April 7 th and sign in will begin at 8:45.
	11:15 Sarah Everhart Skeels
	<i>Purpose/Goal: Discuss the 2nd "A Better Bottom Line" Conference</i>
	Discussion: Postponing the conference until October of 2015 was discussed given that a new location has not yet been secured. CRB will contact a business to see if hosting this event is possible.
	Motion: To postpone the conference until Oct. 15 th or 22 nd of 2015 was moved by SES, seconded by MS, passed unanimously.
	11:25 Agenda for the Next Meeting, Sarah Everhart Skeels
	<i>Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.</i>
	Discussion: The next meeting will be May 20, 2015 @10:30 AM and will be held the netWORKri, Providence office. Discussion topics will include feedback from the Improving Bottom Line meeting and the "A Better Bottom Line" conference. The survey monkey data from the last conference will be reviewed as well as location details. CRB will also ask BC to see if the Governor is available on either Oct. 15 th or 22 nd to kick off the conference.
	Motion: To approve the date, time, location and agenda for the next meeting moved by SES, seconded by VR, passed unanimously.
	11:39 Adjournment, Sarah Everhart Skeels
	Motion: To adjourn at 11:39 moved by SES, seconded by AP, passed unanimously.